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A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Public library statistics collection moved to September

The State Library is pleased to announce a signed contract with Informata for collection of the annual statistics from public libraries. Public libraries will now use Bibliostat Collect software from Informata to submit their statistics online. The contract was completed in mid-June, and two to three months will be needed for conversion of the current Missouri statistical report form to the Bibliostat Collect software.

At this time, we plan on conducting a training session in September using the videoconferencing network to reach libraries around the state. The tentative deadline for data submission will be late September or early October.

To make best use of this online process, only those libraries without Internet access or open fewer than 35 hours per week will be allowed to submit the statistical report by mail.

The Bibliostat Collect software will incorporate extensive online help files as well as the data definitions. For those libraries who want to start gathering up their data, we will be asking for the same basic information on library annual income and expenditures, but have made some changes to simplify the form in other areas. We will post more information on the new statistical report process as it becomes available.

Summer institute registration deadline approaches

Space is still available for the two advanced courses offered during the 2004 Summer Institute on August 3-6 at the Best Western Columbia Inn. "Library Administration and Management" guides attendees through a framework for improving library administration, and "Organizing Library Material" will address cataloging, organizational procedures, and standards for library materials.

Registration for either advanced course can be completed online at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/summerinstitute2004/>, and must be submitted **by Friday, July 16, 2004.**

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MOREnet to hold video services conference

The MOREnet Video Services group will offer the first ever Video Users' Group Conference on Wednesday, July 28, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. As new video technologies emerge, the Video Services group would like feedback from customers on the services needed for the future. The group wants to know:

- The kind of video services of greatest interest to you
- Any changes you have planned for your videoconferencing network and related technologies
- Any changes taking place in your organization that will affect your video capabilities
- Long range dreams you have for your video services

To attend, complete the registration form on the MOREnet Web site at

<http://www.more.net/technical/video/form-regusersconf.html>. Registration closes July 14, 2004.

LIFT-MO announces ParentLink workshop

Academic achievement and developmentally appropriate learning will be the focus for a conference recently announced by LIFT-Missouri. "Creating a Community of Learning: Engaging Parents and Communities to Help Kids Learn" is scheduled for August 9-10 in Columbia. For more information on the conference, visit the ParentLink Web site at

<http://extension.missouri.edu/parentlink/>.

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